1	2
13. Meghalaya	5
14. Nagaland	20
15. Orissa	105
16. Punjab	21
17. Rajasthan	144
18. Sikkim	N.A.
19. Tamil Nadu	556
20. Tripura	100
21. Uttar Pradesh	509
22. West Bengal	256
Union Territory	
1. Andaman & Nicobar Island	N.A.
2. Arunachal Pradesh	N.A.
3. Chandigarh	N.A.
4. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	N.A.
5. Delhi	5
6. Goa Daman & Diu	N.A.
7. Mizoram	1
8. Lakshadweep	N.A.
9. Pondicherry	4
TOTAL	3065

Hunger Strike by the Employees of the Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi

2772. SHRI F. M. KHAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the employees of the Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi had gone on a hunger strike recently to press their demands; and

(b) if so, what are the demands of the employees and what action has been taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED) : (a) and (b) Four employees belonging to union having no representative character went on hunger strike which was called off by them of their own. The demands of the employees were payment of banus @ 20% as against their eligibility @ 8.33%. A negotiated settlement was reached by the Management with the representative trade unions which includes bonus @ 8.33% and grant of an advance of Rs. 20 lakhs recoverable from the Staff Welfare Fund for payment to the employees of Ashoka Hotel.

ITDC Units

2773. SHRI F. M. KHAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the Units of ITDC operating at present; and

(b) what are the names of the Units earning profits or incurring losses and what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED) : (a) and (b) The information is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below) :

The main reasons for the losses are :

— Low occupancy due to surplus accommodation coupled with competition from other available hotels.

— Low tourist arrivals in a particular location.

— Setting up of Units for promotional purposes at some places, namely, at Aurangabad, Khajuraho, Patna, etc.

Statement

ITDC Units/Divisions making profit/loss during 1985-86

(Rupees in lakhs)

Name of the Unit/Division	1985-86		
	Turnover	Operating profit/ loss	Net Profit/ loss
1	2	3	4
1. *Ashok Hotel, New Delhi*	*1188·89*	*319·32*	*116·43*
2. Janpath Hotel, New Delhi	380·28	115·85	68·65
3. Lodhi Hotel, New Delhi	201·45	58·56	34·10

1	2	3	4
4. Ranjit, New Delhi	114·55	(—)7·83	(—)20·85
5. Ashok Bangalore	284·82	23·00	(—)36·52
6. Akbar, New Delhi	305·04	8·04	(—)37.34
7. Hassan Ashok	24·46	5·84	1·09
8. Jammu Ashok	30·52	4·65	0·50
9. Aurangbad Ashok	54·74	9·24	(—)2·16
10. Khajuraho Ashok	19·07	(—)2·88	(—)7·47
11. Kovalam Ashok Beach Resort	164·99	40·84	7·51
12. LVP Hotel, Udaipur	52·86	15·71	7·66
13. Temple Bay Ashok Beach Resort Memallapuram	20·29	(—)1·03	(—)4·50
14. Varanasi Ashok	63·08	8·89	(—)4·74
15. Qutab, New Delhi	156·60	30·96	11·48
16. LMP Hotel, Mysore	65·48	11·89	0·18
17. Airport Ashok, Calcutta	410·95	108·50	51·47
18. Pataliputra Ashok, Patna	37·78	(—)0·12	(—)7·58
19. Jaipur Ashok	65·84	10·85	(—)6·20
20. Kalinga Ashok, Bhubaneshwar	18·86	(—)9·57	(—)18·53
21. Madurai Ashok	33·65	3·91	(—)5·48
22. Samrat, New Delhi	441·34	163·98	(—)39·18
23. Kanishk, New Delhi	533·08	231·01	105·33
24. Ashok Yatri Niwas	266·87	113·68	46·78
25. Vigyan Bhawan	72·71	26·88	15·59
26. Western Court	1·29	(—)1·56	(—)1·66
27. TLs. & Restts.	37·97	(—)1·13	(—)6·65
28. IGIA Terminal Restt.	—	—	—
29. Corporate Communication	186·42	16·16	4·74
30. Ashok Travel & Tours	714·09	135·63	2·54
31. Duty Free Shops	844·94	312·64	227·90
32. SEL Red Fort	10·65	6·32	5·15
33. Hqrs.	486·29	72·58	(—)0·18
TOTAL	7288·75	1830·81	508·06
Less : Deptt. Turnover :	78·04		
NET TOTAL :	7210·71		

Measure to streamline the work in Passport Offices

2774. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what measures are being taken to streamline the work in the Passport Offices all over the country; and

(b) what is the number of applications for passports at present pending disposal in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Following measures have been taken to streamline the work in the Passport Offices :

(i) All Passport Officers have been directed to ensure that passports are issued within a reasonable period of receipt of clear identity and security verification reports in respect of applications for fresh passports;

(ii) All Passport Officers are under orders to complete miscellaneous services on passports (like renewal, etc.) within three working days of receipt of applications;

(iii) Electronic Cash Register machines have been introduced in seven passport offices in India. After their utility is assessed other passport offices may also be provided with them;

(iv) In order to inculcate efficiency in